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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Frenz*

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A RESOLUTION honoring Mike Sumner for winning the National Bluegrass Banjo Championship.

*Whereas, Since he began playing the banjo at 15 years of age, Mike Sumner, Petersburg, Indiana, has dreamed of being named the best banjo player in the nation;*

*Whereas, On September 16, 2001, Mike Sumner fulfilled this dream when he won the National Bluegrass Banjo Championship at the national competition held in Winfield, Kansas;*

*Whereas, Mike Sumner, who is the pastor of the Petersburg Church of the Nazarene, also fulfilled another one of his goals: winning the three major banjo competitions held in the United*

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*States - the national competition, the Merle Watson Bluegrass Banjo Championship at MerleFest in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and the RockyGrass competition in Lyons, Colorado;*

*Whereas, Mike Sumner won these three competitions in the last 12 months;*

*Whereas, As the National Bluegrass Banjo Champion, Mike Sumner was award a \$3,500 OME 23 karat gold inlaid banjo, which symbolizes the fact that he is the best in the country at what he does;*

*Whereas, Mike Sumner is also a seven-time winner of the Indiana Picking and Fiddling Championship; and*

*Whereas, Accomplishments such as these deserve special recognition: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House wishes to congratulate Mike
- 2           Sumner for winning the National Bluegrass Banjo Championship.
- 3           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 4           Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Mike Sumner
- 5           and his family.

